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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 11, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, and is being filed prior to the expiration of the 30-day shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-14 and 18-19, drawn to a protective coating and a method for forming a protective coating.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention prior to the termination of proceedings in this application.

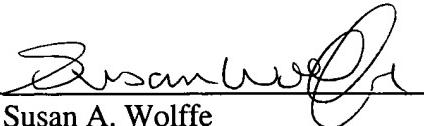
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Respectfully submitted,

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